

Senate Bill 265

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th, Grant of the 25th and Balfour of the 9th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 40-6-228 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enforcement of parking in spaces for the disabled, so as to provide for certain private enforcement of the laws concerning the use of parking spaces for the disabled; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 40-6-228 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to enforcement of parking in spaces for the disabled, is amended by adding a new subsection (e) to read as follows:

"(e) Any citizen of this state may, without being designated under the provisions of this Code section, assist in the enforcement of the provisions of Code Section 40-6-226 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. If such citizen believes that a violation of Code Section 40-6-226 is occurring, such citizen shall take photographs of the vehicle that clearly show the vehicle in the designated space for parking for disabled persons, there is no permit displayed on the vehicle, and the license plate of the vehicle. The citizen shall then forward such photographs to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction along with a statement by such citizen giving the citizen's name and mailing address and the date, time, and exact location of the alleged violation. If, after reviewing the photographs, it appears to the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction that a violation of Code Section 40-6-226 has occurred, the law enforcement agency shall send a letter to the owner of such vehicle advising such owner of the alleged violation and warning such owner against committing any future violations. The law enforcement agency shall retain a record of such letter along with the information and photographs received from the citizen for a period of two years from the date of receipt by the law enforcement agency of the information and photographs."

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- SECTION 2.
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- All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.